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CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 27-30, 1976

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1. CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS APPRECIATE ASSIGNMENT OF WISGERHOF VICE BRATTAIN AS CONFERENCE PROJECT OFFICER. AGENDA HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO THREE AND ONE-HALF DAYS WITH CONFERENCE BEGINNING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 1400 HOURS, DUE TO ANTICIPATED PARTICIPATION OF THREE-FIVE KNOWLEDGEABLE CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS ON SEPTEMBER 27 AND 28, AS EXPLAINED IN SEPTTEL. THIS MAY ENTAIL SOME CHANGES IN ARRIVAL TIMES OF SOME FIELD PARTICIPANTS.

2. WOULD CONSUL GENERAL BE PREPARED TO DELIVER BRIEF WELCOME AT 1400 HOURS ON SEPT. 27 AND ACT AS NOMINAL HOST AT RECEPTION BEGINNING AT 1830 HOURS?

3. SECRETARIAL SUPPORT. IS CONSULATE GENERAL IN A POSITION TO ASSIGN AN AMERICAN SECRETARY TDY TO GARMISCH FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PERIOD SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 1, AS SUGGESTED IN MUNICH 1497,

PARA 2? CONFERENCE BUDGET WOULD PICK UP THE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS.

4. PLANNING FACTORS. BEST AVAILABLE DATA INDICATE FOLLOWING NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS AND ROOM REQUIREMENTS FOR USE IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH AFRC CONFERENCE COORDINATOR (ASSUMING THAT ANY DCM REQUIRED TO CANCEL HIS PARTICIPATION WOULD BE REPLACED BY AN ALTERNATE FROM THE SAME POST): 22 FIELD PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS (WITH OR WITHOUT SPOUSES) EQUAL 22 ROOMS; ONE TDY SECRETARY EQUALS ONE ROOM; 6 ROOMS FOR MINOR CHILDREN OF FIELD PARTICIPANTS; 4 CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS EQUAL 4 ROOMS; OTHER WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS 27, MOSTLY WITHOUT WIVES, EQUALS 27 ROOMS IF ALL ROOMS USED AS SINGLE OCCUPANCY (SOME DOUBLING UP MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IF ROOM SHORTAGES IN GARMISCH ARE SERIOUS). GRAND TOTAL 60 ROOMS.

5. ROOM REQUIREMENTS. AS INDICATED IN FROTHINGHAM'S LETTER TO GREEN OF AFRC, COPY OF WHICH SENT BY DAY TO BRATTAIN, AFRC CURRENTLY HOLDING BLOCK OF 40 ROOMS IN GENERAL PATTON HOTEL FOR THIS CONFERENCE. ADDITION OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS PLUS OBSERVERS FROM BONN AND USNATO PLUS PLANS OF SOME FIELD PARTICIPANTS TO BRING CHILDREN RAISES OUR REQUIREMENTS TO AN INDICATED TOTAL OF 60 REPEAT 60 ROOMS. IF NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN ALL 60 IN GENERAL PATTON, TRY FOR APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE AFRC FACILITIES, TO WHICH WE WOULD THEN ASSIGN THOSE ARRIVING BY PRIVATELY-OWNED VEHICLES.

6. WISGERHOF REQUESTED TO CONTACT LT. COL. JIM HINDS, EXEC OFFICER AT RUSSIAN INSTITUTE AND CONFIRM OUR OFFER OF A PRESENTATION TO INSTITUTE BY APPROPRIATE OFFICERS ON FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 1. CONFERENCE MANAGERS WILL BE PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL IF HINDS WILL AUTHORIZE USE OF INSTITUTE'S HIGHSPEED XEROX DURING THE CONFERENCE. AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE SUPPLIES (PAPER AND TONER) NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED.

7. FACILITIES. WE NOW NEED MAIN HALL (30 DOLLARS PER DAY) AT CONVENTION HALL ALL FOUR DAYS SEPT. 27-30. WISGERHOF UNCLASSIFIED

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ALSO REQUESTED TO INITIATE NEW REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE OFFICE IN GENERAL PATTON HOTEL SUNDAY THROUGH FRIDAY (SIX DAYS AT 10 DOLLARS PER DAY). WE CURRENTLY ANTICIPATE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL ROOMS ADJACENT TO MAIN HALL ONLY ON WEDNESDAY AND SUGGEST THAT THIS BE THE ONLY DAY ON WHICH WE WOULD PAY FULL 75 DOLLARS FOR USE OF ALL MEETING ROOMS.

8. WISGERHOF IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN COPY OF TYVOLL'S

LETTER TO BRATTAIN, DATED AUGUST 3, AND EXPEDITE REPLY. ROBINSON

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